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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Official Action mailed July 9, 2008, and is being filed before October 9, 2008. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are found in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: **In the Claims:**